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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in ful-fillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the European Search Report in the corresponding European Application Serial No. 01 25 0174. A copy of the European Search Report in which they were cited is attached hereto.

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